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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1975

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P. Moynihan

MEMORANDUM FOR: DON RUMSFELD

FROM: DICK CHENEY

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You may want to pass the following on to the President:

Pat Moynihan called me at about 11:00 this morning, Tuesday, the 13th.

He said he'd talked with Eagleburger; that Eagleburger had said basically what I'd said on Saturday, that Kissinger and the President would not take no for an answer. He said on that basis, he'd decided to go ahead and accept the nomination.

He said there were really two pieces to the problem and he wanted us to be aware of the second piece. He said certainly the Scali problem had been very unpleasant, but also there was a family problem involving one of his kids. He said he has spent considerable time on it, and the family has concluded it would be the right thing for him to do to become Ambassador to the UN, and on that basis, he has signed off on it. But he would like us to handle four items:

1. He wants a fast announcement. I've worked with Eagleburger and Walker, and the announcement will be tomorrow, Wednesday, the 14th.
2. He wants someone to talk to Scali to calm him down and to let him know that Moynihan had absolutely nothing to do with the President's original decision to replace Scali. He recommended



Rumsfeld do it, and I concur. I think the message to be communicated to Scali is that Scali is on his way out regardless of what happens, and that Moynihan did, in fact, have nothing to do with the President's decision to replace Scali. It's just normal rotation.

3. Kissinger had originally asked Moynihan if he would agree to delay until August 1st taking over at the UN. Moynihan believes that's a serious problem now, and has created the opportunity for the problems that have arisen in terms of Scali cutting him up in the press. He says he really feels he must take over no later than July 1st in order to get ready for the General Assembly Sessions which begin in September. He said he needs the preparation time and it will cut down on the amount of potential flack. I strongly recommend we concur in his judgment, and certainly if we announce it May 14th, we ought to be able to get him confirmed and sworn in by July 1st.
4. Chuck Percy some months ago asked him to testify on Wednesday, the 14th, before a Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the UN. Moynihan had committed to this some time ago before the UN thing ever came up. He does not want to do it now and feels it would merely fuel the fires of the Scali flack. He said a couple of weeks ago he asked Eagleburger to get it untangled and to talk with Percy. The staff up there evidently agreed that Moynihan would not have to testify, but now Percy has called Moynihan personally insisting that he must testify. He would like us to get it sorted out.

We're going back to Eagleburger to have Eagleburger call Percy and get him to back off and then also to notify Sparkman that because of the announcement being eminent, that it would not be proper or appropriate for Moynihan to come up and testify other than in connection with confirmation hearings. That Moynihan will be available whenever Sparkman wants him for testimony, but that the timing is bad if he goes up tomorrow. Walker and Eagleburger are working on sorting that one out.



By way of summary, we now have agreement from Moynihan to serve, we will announce his appointment tomorrow and proceed with confirmation so that we can have him on board by July 1st.

Unless something else happens, I think the matter has been resolved.

